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Nanzatico is a frame, two-story structure, seven-bays wide, with a hipped roof, and two interior end chimneys. The entablature which has a modillion cornice completely surrounds the structure, and the windows and entranceways have simple architrave framing. The river front is dominated by an engaged portico consisting of heroic pilasters, entablature, and bulls-eye pediment. The land front features a small three-bay pedimented pavilion which projects from the facade forming an interior vestibule. This ante-room is defined by a broad elliptical arch which sets it apart from the central hall. The end wall of the drawing room consists of horizontal boarding pierced by arches on either side of the chimney. Pilasters, topped by two volutes supporting a cornice shelf, flank the fireplace with its architrave molding; above the cornice shelf is a large panel with crossettes surmounted by a cornice which surrounds the entire ceiling. The dining room has a paneled chimney breast flanked by doors rather than arches.

Surviving dependencies on the east are a square frame smokehouse, and a frame summer kitchen. On the west, a frame schoolhouse or office balances the smokehouse.

The main house combined with the dependencies form an architecturally satisfying composition especially when placed in its setting on a broad plain overlooking the Rappahannock River.

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First owned by the Wormeley family, and named after the Nanzatico Indians, this Rappahannock River estate descended in the Page and Randolph families until 1767 when Charles Carter, Junior, grandson of Robert "King" Carter, attempted to purchase the land. The present mansion was completed circa 1770, for towards the end of the year Charles Carter advertised a sale at Nanzatico to dispose of his household effects and farm equipment. Carter was unable to pay the original owner, Thomas Mann Randolph, in full for the estate, and Randolph then sold it in 1778 to Colonel Thomas Turner of Westmoreland County. The house and land remained in the Turner family until the late-nineteenth century, and was sold to its present owner in 1931.

Next to Mount Vernon, Nanzatico is probably the most formal frame colonial mansion in Virginia. It is an excellent example of the architectural quality which can be achieved in timber, and its engaged Ionic portico is a unique design feature for colonial Virginia. The architectural significance of Nanzatico, coupled with its excellent state of preservation and its association with several distinguished colonial families, make it am important landmark.

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